

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

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Minister's Corner

Worshipping Together

The Bible's emphasis on the community aspect of the Christian life is undeniable. This is not simply a gathering of individuals who act independently of one another. It is a building (1 Cor 3:9), a body (1 Cor 12:27), and branches of the vine (John 15:2). The individuals that comprise the Church are wholly dependent on Christ the cornerstone of the building, the heart of the body and life giving vine.

The writer of Psalm 84 understood the importance of the gathering of believers. The author of this Psalm wrote of his deep sorrow at being separated from the visible sanctuary of God. While he could commune with God anywhere, he understood the unique benefits of public worship. It is not that God dwells in a building built with hands, but he dwells among his people. It is when two or three, or more, meet in the name of Christ, that He is in our midst. This is why we love to come together for worship. So, the Psalmist could say: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart, my flesh cry out for the living God" (Psalm 84: 1-2). Let us, whenever it is possible, come together to worship the Lord, to enjoy the fellowship of our fellow believers, to hear the teaching of the Word of God, and to take part in the Sacrament of holy communion. Rev. Floyd

St Timothy's: A House of Worship

St Timothy's is celebrating 60 years as a Presbyterian congregation. And over the years, our congregation has enjoyed our magnificent House of Worship: the warm wooden and brick interior, the acoustical high ceilings enhancing our grand organ, the illuminating mosaic windows, the large eastern windows letting in the morning light. All conducive to gather in Jesus' name for worship, prayer and praise as one body in Christ.

But worship is not limited to the Sanctuary nor to Sundays. Beyond the Sanctuary, we have the Goforth Room, another gathering place used regularly by the Sunday School children as a House of Worship. The Goforth Room is also used regularly by other Christian churches: on Saturdays by the Indonesian Church, on Thursdays and Sundays by the Standing in the Gap church, and on Wednesdays, and for a Friday night vigil, by The Word Chapel Church. In addition, the Bhutanese-Nepali Christian Church uses the Sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.

We are blessed, not only by the revenue generated by these rentals, but also by witnessing their coming together to worship our God as one body in Christ.

Black History Worship Service & Reception

Come experience the West African and Caribbean cultures as we celebrate Black History month with a worship service and reception on **February 19 at 10am**. The worship service will be led by the African members of our church. They will process in with the song "Par Kuli Kunaka Belemu", a song in the Kpelle language from Liberia which means "Come and go with me to my Father's House". Ntaribo Ashu will inspire us with his sermon titled: "Prayer Is The Key". There will be songs of praise sung by the African Chorus in their colourful native dress and accompanied by the Conga, an African drum, and maracas and tambourines.

After the service, be sure to join us in the main hall for a reception of exotic cuisine mainly from West Africa, the native countries of the members of the African Chorus, as well as from Guyana in the Caribbean. Be sure to taste the delicacy from Liberia, Pepper Cala, a very spicy dish made with cod, and Jolloff Rice, a popular dish served at parties and special occasions across West Africa.

Don't keep this to yourself! Invite your friends to experience God's love as expressed by our West African and Caribbean brothers and sisters in Christ.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service..... Feb 5, 10am
Sunday Worship Service
& African Chorus..... Feb 12, 10am
Black History Worship Service Feb 19, 10am
Sunday Worship Service..... Feb 26, 10pm

Up-coming Events

Prayer Sundays, 8:30am
Youth Mission Chilli LunchFeb 12, 11am
Black History Service & Reception.....Feb 19, 10am

Church Groups

Afternoon Circle Feb 8, 1:30pm
Arabic Bible Study.....Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, noon
Bible Study..... Feb 1, 8, 15, 3pm
Craft Group..... Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, 2pm
JOY Group.....Feb 21, 10am
Senior Youth Group.....Feb 26, 8:30am